

ABSTRACT

RECEIVER CIRCUIT

5 A receiver circuit is for processing a received  
signal which includes at least a first portion and a  
second portion which repeats the content of the first  
portion after a repeat interval. For example, the  
receiver may be for DVB-T signals using COFDM. In order  
to ensure that the estimated symbol start position is  
accurate, the receiver calculates two correlation  
10 values, namely an early correlation and a late  
correlation. The early correlation is measured between  
samples ahead of an assumed first portion start position  
and ahead of an assumed second portion start position,  
and the late correlation is measured between samples  
15 behind an assumed first portion end position and behind  
an assumed second portion end position. When the  
assumed start and end positions are accurate, the early  
and late correlations are equal, and so the assumed  
start and end positions are controlled to equalize the  
20 early correlation and the late correlation.

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